STATE ASSESSORS BOARD REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS AUTHORITY POSITION STATEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Michigan Compiled Law 211.10d grants the State Assessors Board the authority to promulgate Administrative Rules regarding the issuance and revocation of certificates in assessment administration. The Administrative Rule adopted by the Board which governs the revocation of certificates in assessment administration is Administrative Rule 211.447. This rule states that an assessing officer's certification may be revoked for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of assessment administration duties prescribed by rule or law. It is the position of the Board that Administrative Rule 211.447 applies to all certified individuals, regardless of their position in the field of assessment administration.

At the October meeting of the Board, the Board adopted an official position on the Board's authority in revocation proceedings:

It is the position of the State Assessors Board that all certified individuals are subject to the certification revocation process for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of assessment administration duties prescribed by rule or law. Further, it is the position of the State Assessors Board that certified individuals employed at all levels of government (local, County, and State) may be subject to the certification revocation process. It is also the position of the State Assessors Board that all certified individuals employed in the field of assessment administration may be subject to the certification revocation process no matter what assessment administration position they hold; individuals who are not assessors of record or equalization directors (e.g., staff appraisers, deputy equalization directors, etc.) may also be subject to the certification revocation process.

The official position stated above is not considered to be a shift in position or to be an expansion of the Board's authority. Rather, it is intended simply to clarify what the Board considers to be its authority in revocation matters.

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